

CORVALLIS CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION ON TRANSIT

MINUTES
September 12, 1996

Members Present

Bob Lowry, Chairman
Joanne Adler
Craig Anderson
Bill Hoffman
Caron Johnson
Tom Meehan
Mary Christian, Council Liaison

Staff

Steve Rogers, Public Works

Visitors

Helen Berg, Mayor
Mary McCoy

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Agenda Item	Information Only	Held for Further Review	Recommendations/Action
Downtown Intermodal Mall	X		
Transit Master Plan	X		
Ridership - August	X		
Fall Festival	X		
Try Transit Week '96	X		
1996-97 Janitorial Contract	X		
Operation/Maintenance Contract	X		

CONTENT OF DISCUSSION

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 8, 1996

The August Commission meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

II. VISITORS' COMMENTS

Mayor Berg noted that this was Tom Meehan's last Commission meeting as his term has expired. She thanked Tom for his eight years of service and support of transit. The Mayor described past City Council meetings that Tom attended in support of transit. She specifically noted Tom and Margaret Meehan's hard work during transit levy elections. Tom was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation signed by the Mayor and Council.

Mary McCoy provided the Commission with information regarding her proposal for a legislated state wide transit funding strategy.

III. DOWNTOWN INTERMODAL MALL

The City has retained WBG Architects to develop several alternatives for the Intermodal Mall capital project. Richard Bryant with WBG presented draft design guidelines to the Commission. The guidelines describe the amenities that should be included in the design of the transit mall. Subjects covered include transit, pedestrian and bicycle amenities. The Commission was asked to review the document and provide comments to staff. The next step will be to develop several alternative concept designs for the mall. The alternatives will be provided to the Commission for review.

IV. TRANSIT MASTER PLAN

The State has retained Nelson/Nygaard to complete a Transit Master Plan. The consultant has completed the first task, which is to develop background information. This information comprises the first three chapters of the master plan document. The first chapter includes the history of Corvallis Transit System(CTS) and the current systems' characteristics. The second chapter describes and compares 17 transit system in the west that are similar to CTS. The third chapter condenses federal, state and local policies that impact transit operations.

It was noted that the Commission will be asked for review of the transit master plan and consideration of public comment regarding the plan.

V. INFORMATION SHARING

- A. Ridership Report.** The August ridership was 33,009. This is an increase of 5 percent over August 1995. In addition, ridership year to date is 14 percent higher than 1995.
- B. Fall Festival - September 28 and 29.** CTS will provide expanded service on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 28 and 29. Rides will be provided free all weekend and buses will operate from 9:45 a.m. to 7:15 p.m. each day. This service is the same as has been provided in past years.
- C. Try Transit Week '96 - October 7-12.** Staff is working on promotional activities for the fourth annual Try Transit Week. This year's focus will be on employer participation, particularly in the downtown area.

- D. **1996-97 Janitorial Contract (shelters).** The City has hired a new contractor to clean the bus shelters and has increased the cleaning frequency to four times per week at the downtown terminal.

- E. **Operation/Maintenance Contract.** In response to the Request for Proposals, one proposal from Laidlaw Transit, Inc. was received. During October and November, staff will discuss and finalize a contract with Laidlaw. The current operating contract expires on December 31, 1996.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

November 14, 1996; 7:50 a.m.; City Hall Conference Room D
December 12, 1996; 7:50 a.m.; City Hall Conference Room D
January 9, 1997; 7:50 a.m.; City Hall Conference Room D